Pleasetype a plus sign (+) inside this box

Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Sheet

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known				
Application Number	09/776,188			
Filing Date	February 3, 2001			
First Named Inventor	Zimmerman			
Group Art Unit	3725			
Examiner Name	Nguyen			
Attorney Docket Number				

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Number Kind Code ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevan Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		5969598	Kimura	10-19-1999	
		5963130	Schlager	07-24-1997	
	ļ	5959529	Kail	09-28-1999	
	<u> </u>	5933080	Nojima	08-03-1999	
		5914675	Tognazzini	06-22-1999	
		5797134	McMillan	08-18-1998	
		5781101	Stephan	07-14-1998	
		5742915	Stafford	04-21-1998	
		5742666	Alpert	04-21-1998	
		5574427	Cavallaro	11-12-1996	
		5572204	Timm	11-05-1996	
	<u> </u>	5555286	Tendler	09-10-1996	
		5515043	Berard	05-07-1996	
	<u> </u>	5504482	Schreder	04-02-1996	
		5311197	Sorden	05-10-1994	
		4717904	Murakami	01-05-1988	
		4369426	Merkel	01-18-1983	
		3646583	Scuderi	02-29-1972	
		RE 35,920	Sorden	10-13-1998	

OTHER PRIOR ART NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²		
		•			

-	 	
Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.